

REMARKS

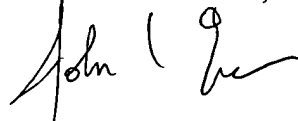
Claims 1-24, 33-49, 51, 57-63, 71, 75-77, 100 and 110-115 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 25-32, 50, 52-56, 64-70, 72-74, 78-99, 101-109 and 116-131 are canceled. Claims 19 and 57 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. Prompt examination and allowance in due course are respectfully solicited.

CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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